

FISCAL NOTE

SB 604 - HB 1805

April 1, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Conservation to issue stop work orders for violations of the Water Quality Control Act (WQCA). Requires the Commissioner to issue such orders in certain circumstances.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues – Exceeds \$50,000

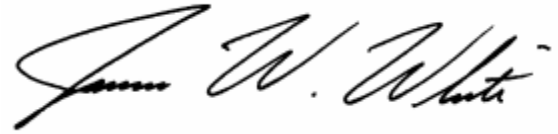
**Increase State Expenditures - \$901,000/Recurring
\$90,000/One-Time**

Assumptions:

- 3,500 active permitted sites annually.
- 60% (2,100) of such sites receive a stop work order due to the provisions of the bill.
- 3 additional site visits required by the provisions of the bill. Therefore a total of 6,300 (2,100 X 3) additional site visits per year.
- Each environmental specialist employed by the Department can do approximately 520 site visits per year. Therefore, the department will require 12 additional environmental specialists (6,300 / 520 = 12). The increase in state expenditures for salary and benefits for such individuals is estimated to be \$508,423.
- The department will require four additional attorneys to comply with the provisions of the bill. Salary and benefits for these attorneys is estimated to result in an increase in state expenditures of \$255,230.
- Recurring expenditures for travel, printing, supplies, etc. associated with such positions is estimated to result in an increase in state expenditures of \$137,600.
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$901,253 (\$508,423 + \$255,230 + \$137,600 = \$901,253).
- One-time state expenditures for landscaping and computers for the new employees are estimated to be \$90,000.
- An increase in state revenues exceeding \$50,000. Such increase is attributable to increased fine collections.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "W".

James W. White, Executive Director